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**Subject:** RE: Cmts WWD 30K Groundwater Discharge Warren Act Contract EA-15-001 & FONSI  
SWC Final Draft Comments WWD Aqueduct Pump-in ltr 4-10-15.pdf  
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Dear John,

Attached are comments submitted by the SWP Contractors. In addition to water quality issues they also raise concerns regarding the physical integrity of the California Aqueduct from subsidence and other physical impacts.

Also please take a look at this older document, but still relevant regarding the impact of spreading selenium laced water throughout the watershed and irrigated agriculture.

Regards,

Patricia

**From:** Kemmerer, John [mailto:KEMMERER.JOHN@EPA.GOV]  
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**Subject:** Cmts WWD 30K Groundwater Discharge Warren Act Contract EA-15-001 & FONSI

Hello Patricia – No, we didn't comment on this proposal. As I noted in our April 28 phone conversation, we appreciate you informing us about this proposed pump-in, and providing us with your March 26 comment letter.

As you and I discussed, I have followed up with USBR, and they've told me that when they finalize their NEPA documents for this action, they will provide these documents to me. The last I heard from USBR was in mid-May, when I was told that the documents hadn't been finalized

yet. I'll continue to check in with USBR about this and plan to forward the final documents to you when I receive them.

Thank you for providing the selenium monitoring data.

- John

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**To:** Kemmerer, John  
**Cc:** Vendlinski, Tim; Hagler, Tom  
**Subject:** Cmts WWD 30K Groundwater Discharge Warren Act Contract EA-15-001 & FONSI

Dear John and Colleagues,

Did EPA comment or provide comments to USBR regarding Westland's proposed pump-in to the California Aqueduct? Could you please send me a copy?

Attached is the compiled data for Se that is collected monthly in the Aqueduct from O'Neill Outlet to Lebec. DWR only collects monthly samples, and they report water concentration on a mg/L basis, so I really don't know what the decimal point would be in ppb, but you can still see a trend of worsening water quality the last 2 years. These concentration violations are likely to increase with the limited volume of water in the Aqueduct.

Also it would be prudent to check arsenic concentrations at CK 29 (near Tupman). I believe I saw a number that was 9 ppb (the drinking water standard is 10). And remember they only do monthly sampling. Semitropic Water Bank has groundwater that is high in As, so that is likely the source of the contamination. But if they know that DWR is only sampling monthly, they can game the system in their favor I think by the timing of the discharges.

Anyway, see attached table on Se. Although monitoring is monthly and it is likely discharges can game the monitoring program, there is an increase in selenium concentrations that could continue to elevate to levels lethal for fish and wildlife and migratory birds. Source of the data (URL) is noted at the bottom of the table.

Thank you,

Patricia Schifferle

**From:** Patricia Schifferle [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy]  
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**To:** 'Kemmerer, John'  
**Cc:** 'Vendlinski, Tim'; 'Tom Stokely'; 'Hagler, Tom'  
**Subject:** FW: Cmts WWD 30K Groundwater Discharge Warren Act Contract EA-15-001 & FONSI

Dear John,

Attached are comments provided to Reclamation regarding Westlands' proposal to discharge up to 30,000 acre feet of groundwater into the California Aqueduct any time their CvP allocation falls below 20%. The 15 day comment period was extended yesterday

Did EPA comment or have you seen this proposal? If EPA did provide comments could you send them.

For reference I have attached EPA's 2010 scoping comments on a similar proposal.

Thanks,

Patricia Schifferle

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**From:** Patricia Schifferle [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 11:51 AM

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**Subject:** Cmts WWD 30K Groundwater Discharge Warren Act Contract EA-15-001 & FONSI

Dear Mr. Benjamin,

On behalf of the Environmental Advocates listed, please find the attached comments regarding the Draft EA and FONSI for WWD's proposed 30,000 acre feet of extracted groundwater to be discharged into the California Aqueduct and the associated 25 year WWD lateral points of groundwater discharges into these waters of the state and nation.

Thank you again for the additional 15 day extension for further comments regarding the impacts from this extensive ground water discharge into the California Aqueduct.

Please confirm receipt of these comments.

Regards,

Patricia Schifferle

Director

Pacific Advocates

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